GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal (now voluntarily Retd.) – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 692 **Dated: 30-09-2024**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.207, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt:30.09.2024

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal and now retired voluntarily from service on 31.03.2023 in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the D.G., ACB during the trap conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District, on 17.09.2019.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal and now voluntarily retired is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal and now voluntarily retired is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal and now voluntarily retired is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal and now voluntarily retired is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal and now voluntarily retired is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kothuru Mandal (now voluntarily Retd.), Srikakulam District **through** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Srikakulam

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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. SAI KRISHNAVENI, D/O M.V.SUBBAVADHANI, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, KOTTURU MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN RC. NO. 79/RCT-ACB-VSK/2019

That Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, D/o M.V. Subbavadhani, the then Tahsildar, Kotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while function as such during the period between 10.07.2019 to 30.11.2019 committed grave misconduct in as much as:-

ARTICLE:

That the Government Servant Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, D/o M.V. Subbavadhani, the then Tahsildar, Kotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District failed to process the application of the complainant's mother-in-law (application no. RMU011902549528 dated 30.07.2019) and rejected the same without any valid reasons on 13.09.2019 by keeping the application beyond the SLA period i.e. 30 days.

Thus, Smt. M.Sai Krishnaveni, D/o M.V. Subbavadhani, the then Tahsildar, Kotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District by her above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3-B(b) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. M. SAI KRISHNAVENI, D/O M.V. SUBBAVADHANI, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, KOTTURU MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, D/o M.V. Subbavadhani, the then Tahsildar, Kotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District is a native of Koppalle Village in Kalla Mandal, West Godavari District. She joined in the Government Service on 04.06.1984 as Jr.Asst. at Taluka Office, Amadalavalasa and promoted as Sr. Asst. on 25.02.1999 and then promoted as Spl. Dy. Tahsildar on 01.09.2008 and later promoted as Tahsildar on 20.02.2019 and worked at Collector Office, Visakhapatnam and Kotturu. She worked as Tahsildar, Kotturu from 10.07.2019 to 30.11.2019. She was born on 29.06.1962. She is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2024. She is here-in-after called as Government Servant (G.S.).

CHARGE :

That the Government servant Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, D/o M.V. Subbavadhani, the then Tahsildar, Kotturu failed to process the application of the complainant's mother-in-law (application No. RMU011902549528 dated 30.07.2019) and rejected the same without any valid reasons on 13.09.2019 by keeping the application beyond the SLA period i.e. 30 days.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On a report submitted by Sri Savara Minnarao, Vennelavalasa village, Sarubujjili Mandal, Srikakulam District, a case in Cr. No. 08/RCT-ACB/SKL/2019 dated 17.09.2019 u/s 7 (a) of P.C. (Amendment) Act, 2018 of ACB, Srikakulam Range was registered against Sri Kotti Madan Mohan Sundara Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Althi Revenue cluster, I/c VRO, Neradi Revenue cluster, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District for demanding bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from the complainant to process and submit report with regard to mutation and issuance of e-pattadar passbook in favour of mother in law of the complainant pertaining to lands situated at Metturuguda village, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District.

On 17.09.2019 at about 13:00 hrs, Sri Kotti Madan Mohan Sundara Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Althi Revenue cluster, I/c VRO, Neradi Revenue cluster, Kothuru Mandal, Srikakulam District was trapped when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- as bribe from the complainant at the office room of the Dy. Tahsildar (Civil Supplies) O/o Tahsildar, Kothuru.

During the trap proceedings, a made up file relating to the application of the complainant containing 8 sheets seized in the presence of the mediators on produced by the accused officer from his bag and on verification of the said Mee-Seva application there is no entrustment of the Dy. Tahsildar was found.

During the course of investigation, it is identified that the mother in law of the complainant applied four times in the Mee- Seva for the mutation of her lands prior to the tap issue and accordingly a letter was addressed to the Tahsildar, Kotturu with regard to the status of the said applications and accordingly Smt. P. Bala, Present Tahsildar, Kotturu furnished information through her letter Rc. No. 330/A dated 03.12.2019. As per the reply it establishes that the complainant's mother-in-law Smt. Savara Sayamma applied four times earlier to the date of trap for mutation and

issuance of e-pattadar passbook and all the applications were rejected without showing any valid reasons and that too after the expiry of the SLA period and the latest one i.e. dated 04.09.2019 was approved by concerned officials on 05.10.2019 after the date of trap only.

During course of investigation, the Investigating Officers examined the following witnesses.

Witness No.1 Sri Savara Minna Rao:- He is the complainant and speaks about the contents of his complaint dated 16.09.2019 submitted to the DSP, ACB, Srikakulam Range and the contents of pre-trap and post-trap proceedings dated 17.09.2019 to the extent concerning him. During the further examination, he stated that he in the name of his mother in law had applied in the Mee-Seva portal for 4 times for mutation of her lands but all the applications were rejected by the Tahsildar, Kotturu without showing any reasons and after the expiry of SLA period.

Witness No.2 Smt. P. Bala, Present Tahsildar, Kothuru: She speaks about she has been working as Tahsildar, Kothuru since 01.12.2019. She speaks about that on the requisition given by the ACB officials Srikakulam, she furnished the stage of earlier applications and present applicant of the complainant vide Mee-seva Application Nos. RMU011800443773 dated 03.04.2018, RMU011801289921 dated 04.09.2018, RMU011901960163 dated 07.02.2019, RMU011902549528 dated 30.07.2019 and RMU011902891934 dated 04.02.2019 through letter Rc. No. 330/A dated 03.12.2019 of their office to ACB officials, Srikakulam. According to her version all the four Mee-Seva applications were rejected beyond the SLA period of 30 days and the present Mee-Seva application was approved on 05.10.2019 i.e., after the trap of the VRO KMM Sundara Rao and etc, facts.

Witness No.3 Sri T.V.S.G. Kumar, RDO, Palakonda: During the course of investigation, the R.D.O, Palakonda vide his reply No 539/2019 A, dt.09.10.2019 furnished his report about the procedural aspects and issuance of Pattadar pass book applied through in the Mee-Seva portal.

Thus, the Government Servant, Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, D/o M.V. Subbavadhani, the then Tahsildar, Kotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District, by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1), 3(2) & 3-B(b) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Government Servant, Smt. M. Sai Krishnaveni, the then Tahsildar, Kotturu Mandal, Srikakulam District rendered herself for regular departmental enquiry for major penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

The following Oral evidence is available on record:

1.Sri Savara Minna Rao:- He is the complainant and speaks about the contents of his complaint dated 16.09.2019 submitted to the DSP, ACB, Srikakulam Range and the contents of pre-trap and post-trap proceedings dated 17.09.2019 to the extent concerning him. During the further examination, he stated that he in the name of his mother in law had applied in the Mee – Seva portal for 4 times for mutation of her lands but all the applications were rejected by the Tahsildar,Kotturu without showing any reasons and after the expiry of SLA period.

2. Smt. P. Bala, Present Tahsildar, Kothuru: She speaks about she has been working as Tahsildhar, Kothuru since 01.12.2019. She speaks about that on the requisition given by the ACB officials Srikakulam, she furnished the stage of earlier applications and present applicant of the complainant vide Mee-seva Application Nos. RMU011800443773 dated 03.04.2018, RMU011801289921 dated 04.09.2018, RMU011901960163 dated 07.02.2019, RMU011902549528 dated 30.07.2019 and RMU011902891934 dated 04.02.2019 through letter Rc. No. 330/A dated 03.12.2019 of their office to ACB officials, Srikakulam. According to her version all the four Mee-Seva applications were rejected beyond the SLA period of 30 days and the present Mee-Seva application was approved on 05.10.2019 i.e., after the trap of the VRO KMM Sundara Rao and etc, facts.

3. Sri T.V.S.G. Kumar, RDO, Palakonda: During the course of investigation, the R.D.O, Palakonda vide his reply No 539/2019 A, dt. 09.10.2019 furnished his report about the procedural aspects and issuance of Pattadar pass book applied through in the Mee-Seva portal.

4. Sri Peesa Narayanarao, S/o Simhachalam, aged 36 years, Lecturer in Telugu Literature, Government Degree College (Men), Srikakulam, R/o House No. 46, Opposite Chakradhar College, Near ACB Office, Srikakulam:- He is the 1st mediator and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II dated 17.09.2019 & Mediators report dt 17.10.2019 and etc, facts.

5. Sri Parasana Kurmayya, S/o Surayya, aged 50 years, Jr. Asst., Government Degree College (Men), Srikakulam, R/o Bubamma Nagar, Balaga, Srikakulam:-
He is the 2nd mediator and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II dated 17.09.2019 & Mediators report dt 17.10.2019 and etc, facts.

6. Sri B.V.S.S. Ramana Murty, DSP, ACB, Srikakulam Range:-
He speaks about receipt of written report against the Govt. Servant from Sri Savara Minna Rao, pre-trap and post trap proceedings conducted, examination of witnesses etc. facts.

7. Sri K. Bhaskara Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range:-
He speaks about further investigation, examination of witnesses and finalization of the case etc, facts.

Any further witness is required, he/she will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

The following documentary evidence is available on record**:**

1. Copy of Complaint dated 16.09.2019 given by the complainant.
The complaint reveals that the Government Servant demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from the complainant for sending enquiry report to Tahsildhar, Kothuru Mandal regarding the complainant's application to issue e-Pattadar passbook in favour of mother-in-law of the complainant, and etc., facts.

2. Copy of FIR in Cr. No. 08/RCT-ACB/SKL/2019 dated 17.09.2019.
It reveals that the complaint received from the complainant pertaining to demanding of the bribe by the Government Servant and registration of the FIR.

3. Copy of Mediators Report-I:
It reveals the pre trap happenings from 08.30 hrs to 10.30 hrs on 17.09.2019.

4. Copy of Mediators Report-II:
It reveals the post trap happenings on 17.09.2019.

5. Copy of Made up file relating to the application of the mother-in-law of complainant containing 08 sheets with regard to mutation and issuance of e-Pattadar Passbook for Ac.1.80 cents of land in Sy. Nos. 349-16, 341-8p, 343-13p, 343-14 and 517-12 of Metturuguda village, Kothuru Mandal in possession and enjoyment of Smt. Savara Sayamma of Metturuguda village, Neradi cluster which was seized during the post trap proceedings:- All the above documents/records show that the Government Servant had intentionally kept the work pending for mutation cum e-passbook work of the mother-in-law of the complainant with him for demanding bribe from the complainant.

6. Copy of Letter Roc. No. 539/2019 A, dt. 09.10.2019 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Palakonda.
It shows the service particulars and Job Chart and procedural aspects in Mutation cum e-passbook and etc facts.

7. Copy of the reply vide Rc. No. 330/A dated 03.12.2019 of Tahsildar, Kotturu:-
It shows the complainant applied earlier for Mutation cum e-passbook in the name of his mother-in-law Smt. Savara Sayamma**.**

8. Copies of Part-II Statements of witnesses 1 to 3 as per annexure- III of DACs:

Any further document is required; it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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